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In partnership with:

***The Leadership
Council on Aging***

***Great Start
Livingston***



2015

Annual Report to the Community



***“Ensuring a System of
Support
for Members of Our
Community”***



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Message from the Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the community partners who have given of themselves and their time to work together on behalf of our community. The Livingston County HSCB is highly adaptive and inherently creative. The collaborative workgroups generate rich opportunities for innovation by creating spaces where connections are made, ideas are cross-fertilized, and collective knowledge is developed. By bringing together the right people in constructive ways and with the necessary information, we are able to create powerful visions and strategies for change.

During the past two years through the hard work of the HSCB community partners we have:

- o Developed an Orientation Manual for HSCB Members.
- o Developed Orientation Manuals for each workgroup.
- o Helped move all workgroups over to yearly goals and measurements.
- o Developed a written history for the entire HSCB, including workgroups that have come and gone.
- o Developed three new workgroups:
Healthy Habits for Youth, Youth in Transition and the Abilities Alliance

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as the Chair of the HSCB for the past two years. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our community.

Bobette A. Schrandt



HSCB Mission

“Ensuring a system of support for members of our community”

HSCB Values

- We believe the needs of children, adults, and families drive our planning and services.
- We believe that collaboration means shared stewardship of community resources for the common good of Livingston County.
- We believe that collaboration requires broad community representation.
- We believe the HSCB is responsible for developing continuums of service from prevention to treatment.
- We believe the HSCB should ensure that community members needing services from multiple agencies receive services as efficiently and effectively as possible by creating systems of care.
- We believe that the HSCB should provide a caring community for Livingston County residents by supporting each other's work.

What is the Purpose of the Human Services Collaborative Body?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a “Community Collaborative” by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members who work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and nonprofit organizations, businesses, and interested residents of the county. To learn more about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at 517-586-2039 or arennie@cmhliv.org.



Network of the HSCB & Affiliated Collaborative Groups	Role within the Community
Livingston County Hunger Council	Works to develop a sustainable food system for hunger.
Community Needs Assessment Committee	Assesses health and human service needs in Livingston County & assists in the evaluation of collaborative projects.
Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Services (FAKS)	Works to increase the number of local foster homes & provides supports for foster parents & children.
Funding Partners	Monitors collaborative projects in Livingston County.
Healthy Habits for Youth	Works to connect service organizations and schools towards helping youth establish healthy habits for life.
Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Prevention	Provides education & training on Substance Use Disorders information and trends in Livingston County.
Transportation Coalition	Collaborates to identify and address transportation concerns in Livingston County.
Homeless Continuum of Care	Advocating and supporting homelessness prevention in Livingston County.
Mental Health Awareness Committee	Identifies and implements suicide prevention plan components for Livingston County.
Youth in Transition Workgroup	Help to identify the supports needed to successfully transition from youth to adult.
Leadership Council on Aging- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing the recommendations to develop an Aging in Place environment in Livingston County.
Great Start Livingston- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing Livingston County Great Start Plan.

Substance Use Disorders – Treatment and Prevention

This year, the SUD Workgroup focused on supporting the efforts of Project Lazarus in getting a community plan off the ground. The workgroup also focused on:

- Developing an orientation packet for new members.
- Developing Marijuana and Opiate Overdose FACT Sheets.
- Updating the Resource Guide.



Mental Health Awareness Workgroup

This year, the Mental Health Awareness Workgroup further established the county-wide approach to suicide prevention by including new partners. The workgroup:

- Provided suicide prevention presentations to 1,917 students and 70 adults.
- Included Brighton Schools' numbers.
- Developed a Suicide Prevention Help Card to distribute this year to student.
- Invited non-public schools to be included in the presentation schedule.

Healthy Habits for Youth Workgroup

- Distributed 2 editions of the Resource Guide for Healthy Youth.
- Connected with Hunger Council Nutrition Subcommittee.
- Connected with Livingston Council for Youth.
- Both new connections will help align efforts in the county.

Funding Partners Workgroup

This year, the Funding Partners Workgroup began to read the book *Data to Action* to see how to share data among partners. The workgroup also:

- Expanded Wraparound support to the needs of families at Court.
- Served 77 Families last year with 82% of the children improved their functioning and 87% were able to be maintained in their home or a less restrictive environment at graduation.
- Gathered the needs assessments done throughout the county this year and began to look at gaps.



Community Needs Assessment Committee

This year, the Community Needs Assessment Committee worked on updating and distributing information FACT Sheets throughout the county. The Committee:

- Went live with the Livingston County Data Dashboard. These county stats are monitored for improvement.
- Completed and distributed 9 FACT Sheets (Opiate Overdose, Hunger, Early Childhood, Older Adults, Financial Stability, Underage Drinking, Foster Parenting, Homeless Youth and Trauma).
- Began the work to develop a performance measurement tool to track HSCB workgroup objectives.



Homeless Continuum of Care Committee

This year the group worked on systems to reduce the number of people who become homeless.

- Held a luncheon to begin conversations with Landlords. Landlords are now represented on the committee.
- Implemented an Eviction Diversion program at the court which reduced evictions and uncovered other issues our renters are facing in the county.
- Developed a flow chart of Utility resources that outlines the process to receive help.
- Offered the first Home Repair Workshop in coordination with Home Depot.
- Reestablished the Community Based Clinician support for homeless individuals who have multi system needs.
- Developed a Facebook Page.

Foster, Adoption and Kinship Care Services Workgroup

This year, the FAKS Workgroup established subcommittees to organize their work and utilize the meetings to assess progress of these efforts. The Workgroup:

- Conducted Marketing efforts at community events (purchased a table cloth with the logo).
- Developed a binder for parents to use to track communication and steps with their children.
- Developed a parent mailing list to increase communication and recruitment for events.
- Began working to secure childcare for trainings and events.
- Held yearly events (Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner, Christmas Party, Annual Trainings).
- Began using Facebook Page as a communication tool.

Hunger Council

This year, the Hunger Council shifted from not just food sustainability but a nutrition focus as well. The Committee:

- Succeeded at getting the Bridge Card accepted at both Howell and Brighton Farmer's Markets.
- Held a Nutrition Awareness Event at the Howell Theatre.
- Distributed a fact filled Nutrition Newsletter.
- Supported Summer Lunch Bunch, who provided 23,000 meals at 7 sites.
- Supported the Community Gardens, who provided 17,551 pounds of food to the community with the help of 1,665 volunteer hours.



Transportation Coalition

This year, the Transportation Coalition worked to assess the true need for public transportation. This included:

- Conversations at 5 local senior centers.
- Assessments with transportation providers as to gaps in services and unmet needs.
- Attendance and involvement in statewide and countywide transportation discussions.



Look for more information from the newly established Abilities Alliance. This workgroup will ensure individuals are first seen with abilities and are given similar opportunities to be active in our community.

Trauma Informed Systems of Care

The Trauma Informed Systems of Care Committee focuses on expanding the services they offer in the community, to support working with victims of Trauma. Some of this year's accomplishments are:

- Developed a Trauma Task Force to provide training for parents and support staff that work with victims of Trauma.
- Increased membership to include a court representative and a doctor.
- Developed a consultation step that can be completed for children who do not meet the criteria, but could benefit from a systems scan.
- Increased the number of assessments conducted.



Youth In Transition

This year, the Youth in Transition Workgroup took off. The Newly established workgroup jumped in with both feet. They:

- Identified goals for successful transitioning out of foster care.
- Talked with insurance companies to look at options for permit driving and car ownership with youth.
- Talked with local used car company to discuss how to secure a car.
- Talked with local driver education companies to explore options to cover these costs and hours.
- Developed a youth friendly resource guide to help youth navigate these steps.
- Worked with Mi Works! to uncover opportunities for school and employment.
- Explored degree options for youth transitioning out of foster care.

Events by the Numbers

- Summer Lunch Bunch - 23,000 Meals at 7 sites
- Community Gardens - 17,551 lbs of food
- Summer Kid's Connect/Backpack Event - 1,000 backpacks and 15 agencies providing other donations to community kids
- 2015 Community Connect - 800 guests and 400 volunteers
- Suicide prevention presentations - 1,917 students and 70 adults

HSCB Affiliated Collaborative Groups

Livingston Leadership Council on Aging

- Held a luncheon with local senior center directors.
- Worked with planning department to discuss older adult supports in the municipal Master Plans.
- Gathering information as to seniors who are approaching OLHSA and Salvation Army for help.
- Offering trainings in our area, in collaboration with AAA1b.

Great Start Livingston

- Continued to assess and improve school readiness in pre K population.
- Developed a new website – LivingstonParentResources.com.
- Held a Community Baby Shower.
- Collected over 10,000 diapers in the Annual Diaper Drive.
- Implemented a New Mom Bag filled with resources for new moms in the county.
- Distributed 900 Backpacks at the Backpacks for Kids and Connect for Kids Event.

